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Berne, February 15.

ON the 9th Inſtant the Committee appointed for examining the Grievances of the Deputies of Neufchatel, and the Right that State pretends to have by Virtue of their Treaty of Comburgherſhip with this Canton, to a free Commerce; made their Report to the Sovereign Council of Two Hundred; which being taken into Conſideration, and the Queſtion being put, Whether the ſaid Treaty gave to thoſe of Neufchatel ſuch a Privilege or not? It was carried in the Negative. Notwithſtanding which, the ſaid Council has ſince been ſeveral Times aſſembled upon this Affair, and 'tis ſaid they will take off the Prohibition of the Sale of the Wines of Neufchatel upon certain Reſtrictions, and on Condition that thoſe of Neufchatel look upon this Permiſſion of ſelling their Wine in this Canton not as a Right, but as a Favour only. Yeſterday being the Day fix'd for Summoning for the third Time M. de Watteville (who killed lately M. Muller in a Rencounter) a ſolemn Court of Juſtice was held here, and M. de Watteville being call'd by an Officer of the State to anſwer to an Accuſation of Murder laid to his Charge, and he not appearing, Sentence was paſs'd upon him of Baniſhment for Life. A ſad Accident happen'd lately in the Country of Valais: A vaſt Heap of Snow having in a Thaw fallen ſuddenly from a Mountain upon a Village which lay juſt below it, famous for its hot Baths, about 20 Houſes of Peaſants were buried under it, and 60 or 70 Perſons Periſhed. They write from Milan the 6th Inſtant, that the News of Count Colloredo's being nam'd Governour of that Dutchy by the Emperour, had been received there with general Satisfaction, and that he was expected there in a few Days.

Hambourg, Feb. 17. Letters from Dantzick give us an Account, that the Muſcovites had entirely decamped and marched out of the Territories of that City, taking their Way towards Petersburg. Prince Repnin, their General, gave a Treat to moſt of the Magiſtrates of that Place on the 7th, and the next Day followed his Troops.

Petersburg, Jan. 19. O.S. M. Jefferies the Britiſh Reſident arrived here on New Year's Day; on the 3d he went to the Great Chancellour Golofkyn and the Vice-Chancellour Shaffiroff, who undertook to procure him an Audience on the Day following; accordingly the 4th Inſtant about Seven in the Morning, a Secretary came to his Lodgings and carried him to the Chancery, where having waited a ſhort Time, the Great Chancellour came and conducted him to the Czar's Apartment, to whom he made a Speech in the German Language, importing, that the King of Great Britain had ordered him to attend him, and to make him the moſt friendly Compliments on his Part; and to acquaint him how entirely ſatisfied his Majeſty was with the Repreſentations which M. Weſſelowsky, his Reſident at the Court of Great Britain, had from time to time made in his Name: That nothing could be more agreeable to the King his Maſter, than the Aſſurances his Czariſh Majeſty had given him by his Miniſter, that he would explain himſelf in ſuch manner as ſhould demonſtrate his ſincere Intentions to maintain a perfect Friendſhip and entire good Underſtanding with him: That thereupon his Britannick Majeſty had reſolved to ſend to him Sir John Norris with the Character of Envoy Extraordinary, but that he had been detained ſo long on his Journey by unforeſeen Accidents, that Sir John Norris was gone from the Sound ſome Days before his

Arrival